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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Patricia Preikschat et al.

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Art Unit: 1775 ✓

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Title: CHROMIUM(VI)-FREE CONVERSION LAYER  
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT

Examiner: R. Koehler ✓

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**AMENDMENT A**

(Filed in response to Paper No. 7)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

As set forth in the accompanying cover letter, this Amendment is being filed in response to the Office action mailed April 24, 2002. The period for reply expired on July 24, 2002. Therefore Applicant hereby requests and petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to respond, up to and including October 24, 2002.

Applicant has added 25 additional new claims to the application in excess of 20. Enclosed is a check to cover the \$225 extra-claim fee and the \$460 extension-of-time fee.

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Please amend the application as follows.

VIA HAND-DELIVERY TO TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1700  
ATTN: Examiner Robert Kohler, Art Unit 1775

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being hand-delivered to Technology Center 1700 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the attention of Examiner Robert Kohler in Art Unit 1775, on the date indicated below.

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